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The World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches

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I.

Purpose:

To organize the religious forces of the world so that the weight of all churches and Christians can be brought to bear upon the relations of governments and peoples to the end that the spirit of peace and goodwill may prevail, and that there may be substituted arbitration for war in the settlement of international disputes; friendship in place of suspicion and hate; co-operation instead of ruinous competition; and a spirit of service and sacrifice rather than that of greed and gain in all transactions between the nations.

II.

Origin:

Shortly after the second Hague Conference (1907) groups of Christians in various countries met in conference for the purpose of thinking together concerning the nature of an international program and the principles and methods by which it could be carried out.

III.

Established:

At a conference held August 1st, 1914, in Constance, in response to the call of a group of Swiss pastors. This conference continued its sessions in London. Ninety delegates were present from several nations, and they were unanimous in their agreement that, "inasmuch as all sections of the Church of Christ are equally concerned in the maintenance of peace and the promotion of good feeling among the races of the world, it is advisable for them to act in concert in their efforts to bring it about."

IV.

Scope:

As its name signifies, it is a World Organization. It is engaged in the enterprise of establishing National Councils in every country. Plans have been formed for its future growth and activities with the ultimate object of being able to mobilize goodwill for the effective working out of international relationships.

V.

Education:

The organization in Great Britain issues a monthly magazine entitled "Goodwill" and the American Council, a

monthly, known as "World Friendship." These are informative in their nature, setting forth the development of the work. Bulletins and pamphlets are also issued by the American Branch.

Dr. Lynch is Secretary of the Educational Department. He has been called repeatedly to Europe during the last few years, and while there engaged in preaching tours of England and held important conferences with political and religious leaders of other nations. Dr. Lynch will continue to write and speak on the subject of International Friendship and Goodwill.

VI.

Conferences:

We have established in 500 American communities Local Committees on Cooperation with the World Alliance. Each local Committee sets itself to foster the organization of study groups, and urges the use of some constructive course of study or discussion outline each year.

The Local Committee functions as the special group in each community charged with the responsibility of educating the community in all matters pertaining to better international relationships and a better world order. To this end it seeks to provide at least one course of lectures open to the public and a series of sermons in the different churches, to improve inter-racial relationships in American communities. Where possible it publishes bulletins, and in other ways seeks to make the ideals of the World Alliance vital and effective in the local community.

VII.

Administration:

The World Alliance works in close cooperation with The Church Peace Union and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, in this way economizing and conserving its work and doing away with the necessity for setting up new machinery.

VIII.

National Councils:

Fourteen countries have already established Councils as follows: America, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Hungary, Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Latvia (Lettland).

IX.

European Work:

An International Organizer devotes his whole time to the work of organizing groups of the World Alliance in the several countries of the continent. Dr. George Nasmyth is doing this work. His knowledge of the nations of the continent especially fits him for such a task.

X.

The Orient:

Dr. Sidney L. Gulick is Secretary of the Commission on Relations with the Orient of the Federal Council of the Churches and works in close cooperation with the World

Alliance as its Secretary on Oriental Relations. He perhaps knows the Orient better than any other man in America, and is, therefore, of great help in the effort to promote friendship between the East and the West.

XI.

Interchange:

An exchange of preachers and speakers between Great Britain and the United States has been carried on for the past two years. This plan will be more fully developed in the future. It holds great possibilities for the fostering of international friendship.

XII.

Contributions:

Of all money received by the Local Alliance, or through local Committees, 50 per cent. shall be retained by the Local Alliance, or Committee, for its current expenses and 50 per cent. sent to the national office for carrying on the world-work of the World Alliance.

XIII.

Memberships:

There are seven types of membership recognized by the World Alliance determined by the amount contributed each year to the work of the Alliance:

1.	Regular membership	.....	$2.00 per year
2.	Sustaining "	.....	5.00 " "
3.	Contributing "	.....	10.00 " "
4.	Subscribing "	.....	25.00 " "
5.	Honorary "	.....	50.00 " "
6.	Life "	.....	100.00 " "
7.	Patron "	.....	500.00 " "

All members in the National Organization are members of the American Council, and all members will receive from the national office all the literature, books, bulletins and other publications without extra cost. Membership also gives a vote in the meetings of the National Alliance and admission to all sessions with the exception of the meetings of the Executive Committee. Membership in the National Organization gives representation in the World Organization.

XIV.

Specific Objects for America:

To stimulate discussion with a view to intelligent judgment on problems of world justice, world friendship, world organization, and a League of Nations.

To foster just and friendly relations between our country and all other nations, especially China and Japan, also Mexico and the other nations in the Western Hemisphere, and to defeat the attempt now being made to stir up enmity and discord between the white and yellow races.

To foster right relations between the foreign born and native groups in America.

To enlist and organize the churches and Christians of America for concerted action in matters of international righteousness and goodwill through the medium of our Local Committees on Cooperation with the World Alliance.

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